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SUBJ: TRAVEL REFUSALS: VLADIMIR/SUZDAL', KIDSKSHA, BOGOLYUBOVO

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1. MFA TRAVEL OFFICER SEMENOV INFORMED EMBASSY JANUARY 25 THAT VLADIMIR/SUZDAL' IS TEMPORARILY CLOSED AND THAT THEREFORE NEITHER COUNSELOR AND MRS. SOMMERLATTE'S TRIP THERE (INCLUDING NEIGHBORING VILLAGES OF KIDEKSHA AND BOGOLYUBOVO) REQUESTED FOR JANUARY 27 NOR SECOND SECRETARY DOROUGH AND FAMILY'S SEPARATE TRIP SAME DAY (TO VLADIMIR/SUZDAL' ONLY) COULD BE REGISTERED. WHEN ASKED, SEMENOV INDICATED TOWNS WOULD PROBABLY BE OPEN AGAIN BY END OF NEXT WEEK.

2. DAO REFTTEL SUGGESTS DIVISION-LEVEL EXERCISES MAY BE TAKING PLACE IN AREAS INVOLVED. POSSIBLY VLADIMIR AREA ALSO SITE OF SIMILAR ACTIVITY.

3. LAST WEEK WE HEARD FROM AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY THAT THEY HAD BEEN REFUSED TRIP TO VLADIMIR/SUZDAL' AS WELL. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT DEPARTMENT RETALIATE AGAINST SIMILAR SOVIET TRAVEL FOR BOTH THE SOMMERLATTE AND DOROUGH REFUSALS.
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